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The Future of The Y. M. C. A. of Howard University By Acting Secretary. Joseph G. Logan

DR. John R. Mott, the head of the Student Christian Movement of the world, is quoted as having on a recent occasion said, "I would rather live the next ten years than any time of which I have ever read or can dream." Here we have a mere suggestion of the large opportunities which await the young men who are in the schools of to-day. But opportunity begets responsibility. The colleges teach the teachers, preach to the preachers and govern the governors. The next oscillation of the great pendulum of time will find the groups who are now singing the College Songs and "cramming for the Exams" engaged in the serious business of life, managing, ruling, serving. The College man is destined to be at the head of affairs in the future. We ask then in all seriousness, Is it a waste of means, of time, of energy, that all possible influences for the development of strong character, high and noble ideals and purposes should be thrown around this embryonic leader while he is yet in the shell?

The Y. M. C. A. of this, our University, is such an influence. It has struggled along for a number of years doing what it could under some disadvantages. But we feel that the time has now come when the facilities and activities of this organization should be enlarged and increased to meet the demands of the age. It is the purpose of this article, therefore, to outline briefly some of the plans for such enlargement.

The most urgent need of the

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Association is an up to date building. We must have a building, if we would render the university the silent service expected of us. We say up to date building, because we are aware that the forces with which we are to compete, the allurements which we are to offset the temptations which we are to fight are all up to date, and they are physically very near us. We cannot, therefore, meet them with dull weapons. We, also, must be up to date. A building of the description which we have in mind will at once serve as a home for the Y. M. C. A. and a social center for the male students of the university. Some one has said, "Tell me how you spend your pastime and I will tell you what you are." This may be overdrawn, but there is a large proportion of truth in it. However, we cannot regulate the

pastime of a student by the method of elimination. We have not accomplished our whole duty when we merely censure and punish for frequenting an undesirable resort, we must furnish a substitute, and one that is sufficiently adequate to meet all the demands of the situation. In short the male student body of Howard University will never reach that perfection of college spirit which is so much desired, until its social activities are centered on "the hill" and not scattered throughout Washington city. And this can best be accomplished with a building as such a center where games and other forms of wholesome recreation may be enjoyed under favorable surroundings, and where unrestrained fellowship and social contact will be at their best.

Another need of the Association is closer affiliation with the various churches of this city. One of our aims is to support and strengthen the Christian Church.

There are at present a goodly number of our students doing church work but we feel that if these scattered efforts are systematized and brought under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. they will at once be more effective and lasting.

Coupled with church activity is social service. The Y. M. C. A. of Howard University should conduct a Settlement House some where in this city. The demand for such work here in Washington far exceeds the supply of workers. It is work that will give the student much desired information and at the same time confer a benefit upon the society.

It will give him a more direct and intimate acquaintance with

the needs of the world and enable him to direct his future work more productively.

We have yet another feature to mention and it has been purposely reserved for the last, being the most important. It is the religious and ethical phases of the work. We said above that the college man is destined to be at the head of affairs in the future. But what description of man will he be? Will he possess firmness, integrity, love of justice, faith, altruism, breadth of vision and honor? Will he be a man of high Christian character? Or on the other hand will he be narrow, conceited, selfish, weak, vacillating, irreverent, a man away from himself who thinks the world was made for him and him alone? Which type will he be? The answer to this question is found in the life of the man while he is in college. To quote Dr. Mott again, "The most critical battle-field in these days is not the slums of our great cities, not the areas of social cruelty and injustice and neglect and shame, not the citadels

of the Moslem and heathen world, the most critical battle-field of our day is the University and College. Remember the German proverb, 'What you would put into the life of a nation, put into its schools. Any idea or ideal of spirit which you wish to have possess a nation must first lay strong hold upon the young men and young women of the Universities and Colleges.' Here then is our greatest task. We are already doing a service in this direction through systematic Bible study, Ethical lectures and Religious services, but we need to enlarge this feature of the work, for we are not reaching as many men of the University as is desired. Our plans for enlargement along this line, therefore, will consist of methods to increase the number of Bible students together with the increase in attendance upon the various religious services.

These are our most important plans for the future. Some of them seem rather large, but with the cooperation of alumni, faculty and student body, they can be accomplished. Present indications point that way. We therefore solicit the readers of the JOURNAL to join us in this effort and thereby help Howard University better to fulfill her great mission.

NOTICE!

The annual formal prom of the Council of Upper Classmen will be held Friday, March 28th, 1913, at the New Auditorium 8th. St., S. E. Those desiring invitations will please send in their names and addresses to the Committee on Invitations, Council of Upper Classmen, Howard University. Admission as heretofore will be strictly by invitation.

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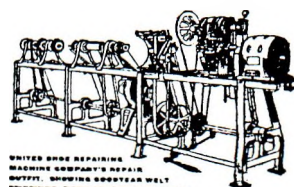
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Survey of the Past Administration of the Y. M. C. A.

SPIRIT OF THE Y. M. C. A.

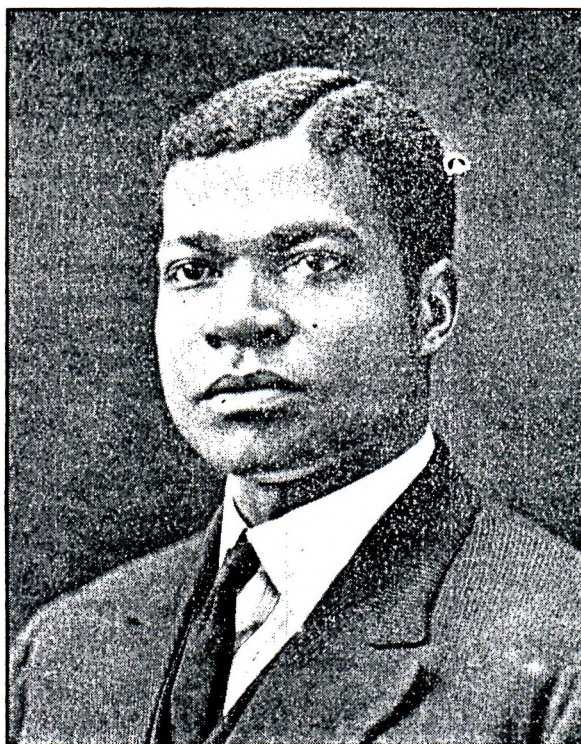
The period of the past administration under the competent leadership of Mr. T. H. Randall has been more constructive than destructive, more practical than theoretical, more progressive than static. The association has lived up to its preamble which is "to promote growth in Christian fellowship among its members and to inspire them to give their entire life to the service of man, for the advancement of public good and the glory of the Almighty God." The young men of the University, at last, have arrived at the conclusion that to develop their highest and best powers the cultivation of the Christ-like spirit must form an important part in their lives. The appreciation of the power of the association may be gleaned from the increased attendance at the meetings and the activity of its members. Each one seems to appreciate the philosophical saying of Mr. John Wanamaker, one of the most successful American merchants: "If I had my life to live over again, I'd give twice as much time to the Young Men's Christian Association." Thus, the spirit of the whole work may be characterized by human brotherhood, fraternity, and Christian service.

MEMBERSHIP

The Y. M. C. A. has been established at Howard University more than a dozen of years. It at first did not appeal to the majority of the young men of the University, because it was some-

what static and unattractive. The attraction of the city and newness of the organization militated against it. As a consequence, its membership continued for many years very small.

To-day things have undergone a revolution. Old things have been replaced by new ones, religious zeal has quickened the feeling and touched the hearts of men, Christ has become a vital power in the thoughts and feelings of the young men. As a result, the



THOMAS H. RANDALL
Retiring President of Y. M. C. A.

membership has increased into the hundreds.

CONCRETE WORK

At the beginning of the past administration the association had one large unfurnished room with a few chairs and a table with three legs. At present the association has in Clark Hall two well furnished, attractive, and comfortable rooms. They furnish an attraction and a recreation for the student after his daily toil. A large pool table is there for those who are so inclined, checkers and all sorts of games can be indulged in, periodicals and daily newspaper

ers furnish food for the mind, long and short distance telephone is for the convenience of those who wish to communicate between points, boxing gloves are for the physical development and an attendant is always present to receive packages, take messages, and give advice and direction to any one

Eight Bible classes have been organized and each meets weekly.

The subjects taught are as follows: "Outline Studies in Biblical Facts and History," "Studies in the Old Testament Characters," "Message of the Twelve Prophets," "Studies in the Life of Christ," "The Social Teaching of Jesus," "The Life of Paul," "Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles," and "Christian Evidences and Ethics." There are about four hundred students enrolled in this work. The instructors are among the most efficient and energetic members of the Faculty.

To form a more perfect union among the young men, the association has given two social functions. In this, they followed the social teachings of Jesus. At times, when He desired to lay down some great principle, He appealed to the multitude through the appetitive soul. One of these festivities was given at the opening of the school and it had for its purpose the welcoming of the new students into the human brotherhood. The other was given on the occasion of the opening of the two association rooms. On both occasions, noted addresses were delivered by international secretaries, the President of the

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The Y. M. C. A. the Mainspring in Christian Progress

By A. D. Stone, Rec. Secretary

The Y. M. C. A. is the principal lever to be applied to Christian progress: because it is the men of this association who are endowed with that humanitarianism backed by the Divine Spirit which enables them to go into the high-ways and hedges, nay, into the very darkest places of the earth, striving to convert from sin and bring into the light of christianity some poor

wandering soul. It is the main-spring because the Lord Jesus is its moving and propelling power. He says to the Y. M. C. A. man, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of the nations and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world!" The Christian will fear no evil for his Master is with him.

As the lightning steals its way through the mighty oak so the true Christian of this Association, filled with that energetic power, strong determination and the ability to move onward with his head uplifted and thoughts centered above, steals his way among those who are sinfully inclined, those who are confronted with trials, tribulations and temptations, dealing deadly blows to sin with the help of his Master. The Y. M. C. A. man has his sorrows, but they cannot rob him of the peace which Heaven bestows. There may be dark days, but that child-like faith abounds more and more. The blow may fall heavily in persecution, but like the oil-well which under the power of the explosive gives forth a more abundant flow because of the shattering of its rocky reservoir, so the life of the servant of the Most High will pour out an ever increasing and enriching volume of blessing which is ever and anon bestowed upon him from the well spring above.

Take the great missionary St. Paul for example. See how he by the help of God made a way for the Gentiles by which they received the blessed promises of God, who is no respecter of persons. Just as God endowed this missionary with that unconquerable power, so he gives the Y. M. C. A. man, who is a missionary in deeds and facts, the power which enables him to save thousands of souls. Therefore, the Y. M. C. A. is the mainspring in Christian progress.

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Letter from Bishop Thirkield

February 6, 1913

Professor J. G. Logan,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor:—

I have not been unmindful of your esteemed favor with its request that appeals to me strongly. I am glad to know that you are putting alertness and vigor into the Y. M. C. A. work, in which I am much interested. Give my warmest greetings to the boys. Many of their noble faces pass in review before me as I think of our work together during past years. * * * * *

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Survey of the Past Administration of the Y. M. C. A.

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University, the Deans and professors. By the means of these festivities a large number has been added to the ranks.

MEETINGS

The meetings have been well attended during the past administration. Although the hour of meeting seems to be unfavorable, the members and friends make it their business to be present.

The programs consist of open discussions on religious topics, songs, prayers and lectures. The president has from time to time presented many noted speakers. Among whom are Dr. W. H. Brooks on "The Needs of the Colored Race," Dr. Kelly Miller on "The Field of the Minister," Dr. L. B. Moore on "The Young Men's Perils and Opportunities," Dr. E. L. Parks on "The Call of God to the Young College Man," Prof. George W. Cook on "The Best Interests at Howard," Mr. Percy Roy on "The Housing Conditions of Washington," and Professor Thomas M. Gregory on "The Making of a Race."

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PRESIDENT

The present status of the Y. M. C. A. is due in a large part to the efficient work and aggressive spirit of President, T. H. Randall. Mr. T. H. Randall is a young man who by diligent and persistent effort has pushed his way to the front. He came here four years ago from Selma University. He learned early that the only way to make himself felt around the University was to mingle freely with all the boys and follow the example set by those of erudite minds and great experience.

When the time came last year to elect a president for the Y. M. C. A., the Committee on Nomination brought in a unanimous report for T. H. Randall as President of the association. At the general election, he was made President by an overwhelming majority vote. So efficient and distinguished was his service at the beginning of the administration, the association was unanimous in electing him as its representative at the Student Conference at King's Mountain. While he was there, he took two courses of study, one in "Social Settlement Work" and the other in "Methods of Bible Presentation." Among the many noted delegates that he had the pleasure of associating with were Drs.

Wetherford, Hunton, Tobias, Mitchell, Hurry, Traywich, and Elliot. He also pledged fifteen dollars for the promotion of Christian work. The association sustained the president and cancelled the pledge in November.

He brought to his work this year new ideas, new methods, lofty ideals, and great enthusiasm. With such an efficient young leader, the Y. M. C. A. has been placed upon the acme of usefulness and service.

When one contemplates upon the life and character of this noble man, the words of the prophet of old come floating through the mind: "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace." There will probably not be any material monument erected to his fame, but his example and life will furnish an inspiration to all who meet him.

GENERAL SECRETARY

On the resignation of Mr. B. L. Marchant from the office of General Secretary at the beginning of the scholastic year, the association remained for a while without one. When the time came for the Faculty to elect an Acting Secretary, there was one man who stood
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The Growth in Our Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting with- in the Last Five Months

A. T. Coleman, Chairman Prayer Meeting Committee

In reflecting upon the new life which our Y. M. C. A. has taken on within the last five months, it is almost astonishing to note how our Sunday morning prayer meeting has kept pace with the other features of the organization.

At the opening of the school year we began as usual to assemble in the Y. M. C. A. rooms of the young men's dormitory at seven o'clock on Sunday morning to engage for one hour in regular prayer service. For the first few Sunday mornings the attendance was not very encouraging to those of us who had entered upon the work with a view to the immense good which might be derived by beginning upon each new week in this way, for dur-

ing the first month our average attendance did not exceed eight.

When we talked with the young men during the week and invited them out to our Sunday morning meetings many of them seemed to have been interested in religious activities, and would promise that they would be with us on the next Sunday morning. But when the next Sunday morning came it was made manifest that, although they may have been interested in such activities, they did not have enough interest to prevent them from sleeping too late to come to the meeting. So, in order to remedy this evil, the prayer meeting committee adopted the method of knocking on the doors of all young men who were willing to be awakened in time to attend the meeting. In this way we have been able continually to increase our number until, from an average attendance of eight at the end of the first month, we now have an average attendance of twenty young men who join actively in the proceedings of the meeting with much enthusiasm and seriousness.

The Bureau of Information William H. Foster, Chairman

The function of the Bureau of Information is twofold: to give information, and to help students in securing employment. The Bureau, during this college year, has been instrumental in helping a hundred and thirty men to earn four thousand (\$4,000) dollars. The Bureau, in spite of the fact that no contributions have been received to defray its expense, has been able to accomplish such results. In addition to its regular line of work, the Bureau has done some of the duties in some of the other departments of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Bureau has met new students

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The Lady of Lyons

College Dramatic Club Gives Star Performance

The Howard University College Dramatic Club under the management of Mr. Wm. Winthrop appeared before a large audience of students and the most representative people of Washington, in Bulwer Lytton's Comedy drama, "The Lady of Lyons," at the Howard Theater, last Saturday evening. The presentation, to say the least, was a brilliant success, quite measuring up to, and in many respects eclipsing any past efforts on the part of the club. The stage settings were all beautiful and artistic and the costumes, representing the dress of the period of the French Revolution, were tasty and added much to the success of the play.

The acting was far beyond the average amateur performance. Each man carried his lines well and seemingly threw himself into the part that he played. The principal characters, Miss Osceola Macarthy as "Pauline", W. P. Tucker as "Claude Melnotte", L. A. Howard as "Beauseant" did admirable and superb work. Miss Macarthy was always equal to the occasion, whether it was the rejection of Beauseant in Scene I of the first act, or acceptance of Claude Melnotte as the Prince in act II, the exasperated pseudo-princess at Melnotte's cottage in scene III, act 2 or the final true-hearted wife that she was in the concluding scene. She rose to her highest majesty, however, in the second scene of

act II, in which her versatility of action under different promptings of feeling, when it was discovered that she had been duped into marrying an humble peasant instead of the prince she thought, was most evident. In this same scene Tucker showed to the best advantage also, he acted well the part of a noble peasant. Both as a prince and in his true role of Melnotte he was master of his part. His description of his palace at the foot of the Alps, his action on being apprised that his wife was to be divorced to marry Beauseant, and his subsequent home-coming, all reflected credit.

Louis Howard, as "Beauseant" made an ideal villain. His plottings, his expression and gestures all typified the villain that Beauseant was. He and Earl Crampton, as Glavis, Beauseant's accomplice in villainy, both did excellent work, and received merited applause. Howard was best in the parts calling for expression through real action. J. H. Purnell, as Colonel Damas, the plain, matter of fact, unpolished army officer, was hard to beat. Miss Marian Sumner, as Madame Deschappelles was the typical mother of ordinary station, and little real culture, making pretensions at both, seeking a husband of title for her daughter. Miss Ruth Tuell, as "Widow Melnotte", made an ideal mother for the true hearted Claude. Her part was well played. Guy Ruffin, as Monsieur Deschappelles, the weak man ruled by his family did excellent work. The other characters of the cast were Miss J. B. Bugg, as "Janet," Miss Florence Dykes as "Marian," Mr. Walter Tibbs, as Notary and Servant; J. R. Contee Cook, as Capt. Gervais; Mr. J. E. Stevens, as Capt. Dupont; Mr. J. U. Allen, as "Major Desmouline; Mr. O. J. Cooper, as the innkeeper; and Mr. Walter S. Hanna, as Gasper.

The play was without a doubt a most brilliant artistic success, and from all indications a financial success also. Manager Win-

throp, and assistant manager Tavernier did most efficient work and deserve unstinted praise, and too, great credit is due Mr. Nathaniel Guy under whose stage direction the play was produced.

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out preeminently as a candidate for the position. The election of Professor Joseph G. Logan was not only the unanimous choice of the Faculty, but also the common assent of the whole student body proclaimed him the man.

Professor Joseph G. Logan is a graduate of Howard University and before graduating at this institution he was appointed tutor. While he was in college he specialized in the sciences, especially in Chemistry and Physics. Since he has been graduated he has done post-graduate work in Chicago University and Harvard University. After he was graduated he was appointed head of the science department of the Howard University Academy. He has done extensive work in the Christian organizations of the University, city churches and social settlement. He brings to the work ripe experience, tenacity and power. All lovers of religious worship shall follow him in the performance of his great task.

CONCLUSION

Although the past administration has accomplished much, the great majority of the work is practically in its infancy. Its right to existence and favor has been well established, but the period of rapid growth is ahead of it.

L. R. Berry

Remember the Red Letter Day at the Young Men's Christian Association on next Sunday, 3 p. m. Mr. W. A. Hunton, the International Secretary, will deliver his masterpiece. This is his first appearance at the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. this year. Come and hear his great message.

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Those who were present at the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A., February 23rd, will attest the fact that it was one of the most inspiring meetings that have been held here upon the campus. The Library Hall was filled to over-flowing with the young ladies of Miner Hall and male student body and their friends.

The program consisted of a solo by Miss Maggie Jefferson of St. Luke's choir, selection by a Female Quartette composed of Misses Dykes, Dykes, Cunningham and Jefferson, the selection being "The Prodigal Son," after-

which Dr. Moore in a fitting introduction presented Miss Burroughs, the speaker of the afternoon. Miss Burroughs had as her theme "The Call and the Cause." She emphasized three points, speaking particularly to the young ladies. The call for physical, moral and spiritual development. Her words were practical, forceful and to the point. Every one present gave evidence that they were both inspired and instructed by her words. Following the address Miss Olive Mae Wells rendered a vocal solo.

After the meeting there was a rush to congratulate Miss Burroughs for her matchless address.

Those who have attended Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon meetings for the past few years all concur that this meeting was the best that has been held upon this campus for many years.

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